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ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE
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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
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OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT—Bishop James W. Joyce, D. D., L. L. D.
SECRETARY—C. M. Levister, Marshallberg, N. C.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY—T. S. Davis, Elizabeth City, N. C.
STATISTICIAN—John A. Hudson, Parmele, N. C.
TREASURER—W. H. Luther, Morehead City, N. C.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

EXAMINERS:

President, C. M. Levister; Registrar, E. O. Eldridge; T. S. Davis, J. F. Usrey, W. H. Luther.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President, J. F. Usrey; Vice President, H. A. Nichols; Secretary, C. M. Levister; Treasurer, W. H. Luther; Additional—Chas. S. Davis, Martin V. Willis, E. P. Lewis, Sr., W. Q. A. Graham, "Ex officio."

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

W. Q. A. Graham, J. F. Usrey, E. O. Eldridge, T. S. Davis, J. B. Bridgers, C. M. Levister, J. A. Sisk.

CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND TRUSTEES.

C. M. Levister, W. H. Luther, W. Q. A. Graham.



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CONFERENCE ROLL.

NAME.	RANK.	WHEN ADMITTED.
Bailey, D. D.....	Probationer.....	1902
Bridgers, J. B.....	Elder.....	1897
Bridgers, L. B.....	Probationer.....	1902
Chappell, M. L.....	Elder.....	1898
Davis, T. S.....	Elder.....	From Blue Ridge
Garris, J. H.....	Deacon.....	1902
Graham, W. Q. A.....	Elder.....	From Blue Ridge
Hudson, J. A.....	Deacon.....	1900
Levister, C. M.....	Elder.....	1897
Lewis, J. J.....	Deacon.....	1900
Luther, W. H.....	Elder.....	1899
Midgett, E. J.....	Deacon.....	1902
Norton, J. M.....	Probationer.....	1902
Sisk, J. A.....	Elder.....	From Blue Ridge
Usrey, J. F.....	Elder.....	From Blue Ridge
White, U. S.....	Deacon.....	From Blue Ridge

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference?—E. O. Eldridge, Baltimore.
2. Who have been readmitted?—None.
3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches?—None.
4. Who have been received on trial?—None.
5. Who have been continued on trial?—(a) In studies of first year, Evan J. Midgett, James M. Norton: (b) in studies of second year, David D. Bailey, Luther B. Bridgers, James H. Garriss, John A. Hudson.
6. Who have been discontinued?—None.
7. Who have been admitted into full membership?—None.
8. What members are in studies of third year?—(a) Admitted into full membership this year, none; (b) admitted into full membership previously, Ulysis S. White.

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9. What members are in studies of fourth year?—John J. Lewis.

10. What members have completed the conference course of study?—(a) Elected and ordained elders this year, Moody L. Chappell; (b) elected and ordained elders previously, William H. Luther.

11. What others have been elected and ordained deacons?—(a) As local preachers, George F. Sever.

12. What others have been elected and ordained elders?—None.

13. Was the character of each preacher examined?—Yes. This was carefully attended to as the name of each preacher was called in open conference.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what conferences?—Leolan Jackson, an elder, and Charles F. Hunter, a deacon in the fourth year's course of study, to the Holston conference.

15. Who have died?—None.

16. Who have been located at their own request?—None.

17. Who have been located?—None.

18. Who have withdrawn?—None.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?—None.

20. Who have been expelled?—None.

21. What other personal notation should be made?—The orders of George W. Stancill, an elder in the Free Will Baptist church, were recognized.

22. Who are the supernumerary preachers?—None.

23. Who are the superannuated preachers?—None.

24. Who are the triers of appeals?—W. Q. A. Graham, E. O. Eldridge, J. B. Bridgers, J. F. Usrey, T. S. Davis, C. M. Levister, J. A. Sisk.

25. What is the statistical report for this year?—See tabulated statement.

26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections

ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the conference treasurer?—\$221.00.

27. What are the claims on the conference fund?—None.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?—\$80.00, which has been applied under order of conference.

29. Where are the preachers stationed?—

[These appointments are in the State of North Carolina except as otherwise indicated.]

W. Q. A. Graham, Supt., P. O. Hollywood, N. C.

MOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT.

W. Q. A. Graham, - - Presiding Elder.

CHARGE.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTOR.
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Alliance.....	Grantsboro.....	J. J. Lewis
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Bladen Circuit.....	Lumberton	To be supplied
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Harker's Island.....	Beaufort.....	Geo. F. Sever
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(Supply)

Marshallberg.....		J. F. Usrey
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Morehead City.....		W. H. Luther
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Ocracoke.....		J. A. Sisk
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Parmeles.....		J. A. Hudson
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Pates.....	Elrod, N. C.....	W. R. Woodell
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(Supply.)

Tarboro.....		To be supplied
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Rowlands.....	Lumberton, N. C,	J. B. Bridgers
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Wildwood	Hollywood “ 	U. S. White
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C. M. Levister, President Graham Collegiate Institute, Member Marshallberg Quarterly Conference.

L. B. Bridgers, Rowlands Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

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PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

E. O. Eldridge, - - - Presiding Elder,
418 County St., Portsmouth, Va.

Avon.....	D. D. Bailey
Elizabeth City.....	T. S. Davis
Lawrenceville, Va.....	E. J. Midgett
Norfolk, Va.....	J. M. Norton
Portsmouth and Pinners Point, Va.....	E. O. Eldridge
Wallaceton, Va.....	To be supplied
Whaleyville, Va., Dwight, N. C.....	M. L. Chappell
Winfall.....	J. H. Garriss

30. Where shall the next conference be held?—Marshall-
berg, N. C.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS—FIRST DAY.

Wednesday evening, Oct. 21, 1903.

The seventh annual session of the Atlantic Mission Conference met in Pearl street M. E. church, Elizabeth City, N. C., Wednesday evening, October 21, 1903, at 7:45 o'clock, Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, D. D. L. L. D., presiding.

The bishop read the 53d chapter of Isaiah and a part of the 26th chapter of Matthew, beginning with the 17th verse; after which the hymn, beginning, "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed," was sung.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the bishop, assisted by Rev. Drs. John F. Dodd, E. S. Dunham, W. Q. A. Graham, and Thos. S. Davis. After the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung, prayer offered by the bishop. The roll was then called by the secretary of the last session and the following named responded: W. O. A. Graham, W. H. Luther, T. S. Davis, I. f. Lewis, J. B. Bridgers, C. M. Levister, U. S. White, M. L. Chappell. The roll of probationers was called and the fol-

following found present: J. H. Garriss, E. J. Midgett, L. B. Bridgers, J. A. Hudson and D. D. Bailey.

On motion of W. H. Luther, C. M. Levister was elected secretary and named T. S. Davis as his assistant.

On motion of C. M. Levister, Jno. A. Hudson was elected statistical secretary who named L. B. Bridgers as his assistant.

On motion of T. S. Davis, W. H. Luther was elected conference treasurer.

The following committees were appointed by the superintendent, and on his motion, elected:

Worship—T. S. Davis, W. Q. A. Graham.

Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society—C. M. Levister, J. A. Hudson, L. B. Bridgers.

Church Extension—W. Q. A. Graham, C. M. Levister and T. S. Davis.

S. S. Union and Tract Society—U. S. White, J. J. Lewis, M. S. Chapell.

Auditing Committee—T. S. Davis and J. H. Garriss.

Conference Stewards—C. M. Levister, W. H. Luther, J. F. Usrey.

Periodicals—T. S. Davis, C. M. Levister and W. H. Luther.

Education—E. O. Eldridge, M. L. Chapell, and E. J. Midgett.

Education—E. O. Eldridge, W. L. Chappell and E. J. Midgett.

Temperance—D. D. Bailey, J. M. Norton, L. B. Bridgers.

Bible Society—M. L. Chappell, U. S. White.

Missionary Cause—J. B. Bridgers, J. H. Garriss, J. F. Usrey.

Missionary Appropriation—W. Q. A. Graham, C. M. Levister and W. H. Luther.

Dr. E. S. Dunham, of the Central Ohio Conference, was introduced by the bishop, and was invited by the conference to conduct Pentecostal services during the sessions of the

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Conference.

Rev. John F. Dodd, D. D., Assistant Recording Secretary of the Missionary Society, was introduced to the conference

J. B. Bridgers was asked to represent the Methodist Review.

A draft for \$64.00, our share of the dividends of the Book Concern, was ordered drawn: and on motion of C. M. Levis-ter, was turned over to the trustees of the conference relief fund.

The bar of the conference was, on motion, fixed at second pew from front.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8:45 a. m. and 12 m., the first forty-minutes to be devoted to Pentecostal services.

Conference adjourned.

The Doxology was sung and Bishop Joyce pronounced the Benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, Oct. 22, 1903.

Conference convened at 8:15 a. m. and after Pentecostal services conducted by Dr. Dunham, was called to order for business by the Bishop.

The Journal of first day was read and approved.

Question 1. "Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference?" was taken up. Bishop Joyce announced the transfer of E. O. Eldridge from the Baltimore conference.

On motion of J. B. Bridgers, the Bishop appointed the following named committee on the tobacco question: J. B. Bridgers, J. A. Hudson and M. L. Chappell.

Question 13 was called, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" The character of W. Q. A. Graham was passed and he made report of the work under his care. The characters of T. S. Davis, J. F. Usrey, J. B. Bridgers

and C. M. Levister were passed and they reported their work.

On motion of W. Q. A. Graham, U. S. White and M. L. Chappell were appointed committee on Epworth League.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the existing provision for the support of our superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans is inadequate, and

Whereas, there is in consequence much discomfort and hardship in many sections of the connection, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That this General Conference authorize a commission of fifteen, one from each General Conference district, and one at large, to devise a connectional plan that will make better provision for the support of the superannuates without arbitrarily affecting any local organization or arrangement now existing and report the same to this General Conference in time for final action.

On motion Conference ordered that delegates to the meeting of the National Anti-Saloon League which will be held in Washington, D. C., in November, be elected.

Question 14. "Who have been transferred and to what conference?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Leolan Jackson an Elder, and Chas. F. Hunter, a deacon in the fourth year's course of study, to Holston Conference.

Question 5. "Who have been continued on trial?" was called. J. G. Harris, L. B. Bridgers, and D. D. Bailey reported their work, and after proper representation by the superintendent and report of examining committee, they were on motion in each case advanced to studies of second year; the two last named being advanced on condition that they bring up one study each which had been left out in the first year's course.

E. J. Midgett reported his work and on motion of the superintendent was continued in studies of first year.

James M. Norton being absent, was represented by the Presiding Elder and on his motion continued in studies of

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first year.

Jno. A. Hudson reported his work, and on motion, was continued in studies of second year.

Question 8. "What members are in studies of third year?" was called.

Ulysis S. White reported his work and on motion of Dr. Graham was continued in studies of third year.

At this point the Bishop made some appropriate remarks upon the necessity of our people both ministry and laity patronizing the publications of our own church and of orderliness and system in the worship of the sanctuary.

Question 10 was called, "What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" W. H. Luther reported his work, and the board of examiners made report, and on motion of Dr. Graham, W. H. Luther was passed to the list of effective elders, he having been previously ordained elder.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the M. E. church, South, Elizabeth City, N. C., was introduced by Bishop Joyce.

On motion of C. M. Levister, the representative of the Press were invited to a seat within the Bar of the Conference.

Rev. Jno. F. Dodd, D. D., Assistant Recording Secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference on the work of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society.

Committees were called and notices given.

Conference adjourned.

The Doxology was sung and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Friday 23rd, 1903.

Conference convened at 8:15 a. m. and after devotional services by Dr. Durham was called to order for business by Bishop Joyce.

Question 10. "What members have completed the confer-

ence Course of Study?" was resumed. Jno. J. Lewis reported his work and the Examining Board made report. He was represented by the Superintendent and on his motion passed in the studies of the fourth year. M. L. Chappell reported his work, the Examining Board made report, and on motion of Dr. Graham, having passed fourth year, he was elected to elder's orders.

Question 11. "What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?" was called. Geo. H. Sever presented recommendations from Harker's Island Quarterly Conference, the Examining Board made report and on motion of Dr. Graham he was elected to deacon's orders.

Question 30. "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Invitations were presented from Morehead City and Marshallberg. After discussion, Marshallberg, N. C., was chosen.

Question 22. "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was called. On motion of the Superintendent James A. Sisk was restored to the effective list.

Question 21 was taken up. "What other Personal Notation should be Made?" The order of Geo. W. Stancill, as a local elder from the Free Will Baptist church, were recognized.

C. M. Levister, president of the Graham Collegiate Institute, made report of the work under his care covering the quadrennium just closed. Dr. Graham made a strong plea for the school, and on motion it was ordered that the report be printed in the Conference Minutes. At this point Bishop Joyce made some happy and encouraging remarks concerning the Epworth League.

On motion of C. M. Levister, the following named were elected trustees of the Graham Collegiate Institute, term to expire in 1904: W. H. Luther, J. F. Usrey, J. H. Baines, J. B. Lewis, M. L. Chappell; term to expire in 1905, John F. Dodd, D. D., Stephen Davis, J. H. Howard, D. D., S. C.

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Whitehurst, E. O. Eldridge; term to expire in 1906, W. Q. A. Graham, H. Asa Nichols, C. M. Levister, E. P. Lewis, Jr., T. S. Davis.

Various committees made report, which, on motion, in each case, were adopted.

On motion of C. M. Levister, it was ordered that the brethren be assessed two dollars each to pay for the printing of the minutes.

On motion of W. Q. A. Graham it was ordered that the printed Journal be the official record of the proceedings of this conference.

The committees were called and notices given.

Conference adjourned.

The Doxology was sung and Bishop Joyce pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, October 24, 1903.

Conference convened at 8:15 a. m. and after Pentecostal services by Dr. Dunham, was called to order for business by Bishop Joyce.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

On motion of J. J. Lewis, W. Q. A. Graham and C. M. Levister were elected delegates to the meeting of the National Anti-Saloon League to be held in Washington, D. C., December 9th to 11th, 1903.

Question 5 was resumed. On motion of Dr. Graham, James M. Norton was continued in studies of first year.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was ordered that the conference, through its bishop and secretary, endorse the appeal which T. S. Davis, pastor of the church at Elizabeth City, is making to cancel the debt at that point.

Report of treasurer was read, showing total benevolent collections \$221.00, and on motion ordered printed in the Journal.

On motion of Dr. Graham E. O. Eldridge and W. H. Luther were added to Conference Board of Examiners.

Report of Statistical Secretary was read and on motion was ordered printed in the Journal.

On motion of the superintendent the following named were elected triers of appeals: W. Q. A. Graham, E. O. Eldridge, J. B. Bridgers, J. F. Usrey, T. S. Davis, C. M. Levister, J. A. Sisk.

Various committees made report, which on motion in each case, were adopted.

On motion the matter of a balance due this conference from the Blue Ridge Conference Relief Fund was referred to our Relief Fund Trustees with instructions to bring the matter to a settlement.

At this point Conference went into executive session.

During the executive session report of committee on tobacco was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that when Conference adjourn it be to meet at eight o'clock the following Monday morning.

Conference adjourned.

The Doxology was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday, October 26, 1903.

Conference convened at 7:30 a. m., and after pentecostal services by Dr. Dunham, was called to order by Bishop Joyce.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The bishop handed to the Secretary the Certificate of Ordination of Geo. F. Sever as a local deacon, and Moody L. Chappell as an elder.

T. S. Davis was appointed to preach the Missionary ser-

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mon and W. H. Luther as Alternate.

Rufus Woodel, supply on Pates circuit, reported his work.

On motion of C. M. Levister the following named officers were elected for the Conference Epworth League: President, C. M. Levister; Vice President, J. A. Hudson; Secretary, Annie Lee Price; Treasurer, Lottie Davis.

Report of committee on apportionment of Missionary appropriation was read and on motion adopted.

On motion of W. Q. A. Graham, the sum of \$150.00 received from the sale of Jerusalem church was placed in the hands of the Superintendent to be deposited in a National Bank to the Credit of the Conference and subject to their order.

Treasurer of Conference Relief Fund was instructed to place what money he had on hand in bank at interest, and to push the collection of any funds still out-standing.

On motion of W. Q. A. Graham the following named were elected a Conference Board of Church Extension: President J. F. Usrey; Vice-President, H. A. Nichols; Secretary, C. M. Levister; Treasurer, W. H. Luther. Additional, M. V. Willis, E. P. Lewis, Sr., Chas. S. Davis, with the Superintendent, ex-officio.

On motion it was ordered that after Devotional Services and reading of appointments conference adjourn without date.

The Conference was led in prayer by the bishop and the appointments were read.

The Conference adjourned.

The Doxology was sung and Bishop Joyce pronounced the Benediction.

THE GRAHAM COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:—Having finished a term of four years in charge of your Conference school, it seems fitting that at this time a report covering that period should be made.

When in 1899 I took charge of this work, it was with much trepidation, owing to my lack of experience and qualification. But with a firm belief in the integrity of our cause and unfaltering faith in our God, we began the work and have tried to do what we conceived to be for the best interest of the school and church; and we leave results to speak for themselves. That there have been mistakes goes without saying; that there have been some failures is apparent; that there have been some accomplishment is cause for congratulation.

When I arrived at Marshallberg in 1899 to take charge of the institution, just one month before the advertised date opening, there was \$1.50 cash in the treasury, and practically nothing on hand in the way of furnishing with which to conduct a boarding school. By the aid of friends, I purchased sufficient furnishings, with what belonged to me personally, to supply our needs for that year, and school began on time. Enrollment for the first year was very encouraging being a considerable increase over the previous year. It is very gratifying to be able to say there has been a constant increase in patronage and prestige each year since.

Realizing from the experience of my first year, that to accomplish the best results, better facilities in the way of building, equipment and teachers were absolutely indispensable, with the approval of the Bishop and the Presiding Elder, in the spring of 1900 I went North in the interest

of our school, and have continued to make yearly trips for the purpose of raising funds for the prosecution of the work. The wisdom of this move is apparent from the results accomplished.

Altogether we have secured \$1,737.00, the disbursement of which will appear later. In material equipment we have increased the value of property \$2,500, \$1,500 of which has been in building, the remainder in furnishings, besides having secured six acres of land.

Your attention is called to the fact that with this amount of money spent on buildings, we have secured practically three new structures, consisting of the girl's dormitory of eleven rooms, a school building 28x40; and a handsome new structure known as Roseville Hall containing ten commodious rooms, said to be one of the finest buildings in this part of the country, all of which has been paid for save about \$375.00.

There have been received from all sources during the past four years \$8,670.00, as follows: Donations, \$1,737.00, from the Southern Educational Society, \$1,175.00, from boarding hall, \$5,322.00, from students' aid account, \$434.00. This money has been disbursed as follows: To boarding hall, \$3,305.00; on buildings, \$1,306.00; teachers, \$2,138.00; students' aid, \$434.00; incidentals, which includes expenses of five trips to the north, \$520.00; furnishings, \$814.00; books, \$50.00; real estate, \$100.00.

The enrollment for the four years has been 556. Of this number, seven have been students for the ministry of our church. Twelve students have been aided by the Board of Education, and eight have worked their way. Your attention is called to the following analysis; there has been in the boarding hall a total of 97 students at a cost of \$3,305.00, or an average per month of \$4.25.

Again, you will note that we have paid to teachers

\$2,138.00 and the attendance has been 556, or in other words the average cost to the student has been only \$3.84 per year for tuition.

You will also observe that while our expenditures for the four years on account of improvements has been \$2,220.00, the donations received have only aggregated \$1,737.00, showing an expenditure on improvements from the general income of \$482.00. In order to accomplish this result, it has been necessary to practice strictest economy and exercise great self-denial. As an evidence that this has been done, I have only to say that in order to meet the demands made upon us, your executive officer was obliged to turn over to the school a large part of his personal household and kitchen furniture for which he has not as yet received any compensation. In addition to this the salary received by him as pastor of the church during two years was turned into the general school fund and used for school purposes. Furthermore, himself and family have labored incessantly for the upbuilding of the school and the only compensation he has received so far has been not more than \$100.00 per year in addition to their board.

There is now an indebtedness of about \$1,200.00, \$600.00 of which is due to your President, the other being due on furnishings and buildings. There are outstanding accounts amounting to nearly \$600.00, the most of which we hope to collect.

Your attention is called to the further fact that the Southern Educational Society has increased its appropriation from \$100.00 in 1899 to \$750.00 for the current year. This, we think is good evidence of the high regard in which our work is held by that society.

We have secured two scholarships worth \$25.00 and \$50.00 respectively.

A system of water works will be installed this fall. the

money for which is already in hand.

While the work has been arduous and the way at times has been dark, yet the face of our God has never ceased to shine upon us, and His benignant smile has never failed to give courage and strength to our feeble hearts. As an instance of the mighty power with which He has set the seal of His approval upon this work, we call your attention to the great revival which, like the lightning from a clear sky, burst upon us in the power and demonstration of the spirit during our last session; in which a hundred students were happily converted to God, and a mighty wave of religious fervor and enthusiasm was set in motion, the echoes of which will greet our ears upon the shore of Eternity.

In conclusion, allow me to call your attention to the following from the pen of Bishop Foss, who has personally inspected our work:

"For many years it has fallen to my lot to visit the Conferences in the Southern States with considerable frequency and carefully to inspect the work of the Southern Education Society, both in the colored and in the white schools. I think every new opportunity of observation has increased my conviction of the general excellence of that work and of its indispensableness as a potential agent for the cure of illiteracy alike among whites and negroes, and for the preparation of the ministry of our church throughout that region of country. We can not get on in our church work efficiently without making our educational work stronger and stronger. Especially is it my conviction—which I have often stated in public—that our Church ever since the war has not done anywhere on the face of the earth a more Christlike work. * * * * The problem must be taken hold of by Christian and philanthropic people with constantly increasing intelligence and zeal and so carried forward will

certainly accomplish great results.

Yours respectfully,

C. M. LEVISTER,
President.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Your committee is in sympathy with the position taken by the Board of Control, that as Methodists we should not be content with anything short of the highest and best Christian culture for our children and young people. To accomplish this we should be careful to fix in the minds of our children Bible truths and the doctrines and history of our church. As a committee we would urge upon pastors and people the necessity of junior organizations: also that each organized Chapter be formed into classes of first second and third grades, with one aim, to present the Bible in the simplest form possible, so that the children can learn the most of the Bible in early life. We would urge our young people to give more attention to the history of our church and the life of Wesley. Also to study carefully the high standard of Christ's life and His great mission in the world.

We also urge our pastors to use every effort possible to organize a chapter of the Epworth League wherever it is possible and practicable and thereby improve the intellect of our young people and also help to swell the number from its present standard of half a million to a million. And also to urge upon each member to subscribe for and read the Epworth Herald.

Respectfully submitted,

U. S. WHITE,
M. F. CHAPPELL.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Your committee beg leave to report that the reports of this Society for the past year disclose a prosperous condition of the school, under its care. There has been a general increase in attendance, an advance in receipts, over \$20,000 has been put in industrial work, and a large number of conversions as a result of earnest religious work.

From a total of \$59,600.00 appropriated to the schools in 1899 there has been an advance to \$102,545.00 appropriated for the current year.

Notwithstanding this largely increased appropriation for the schools, the debt during the past three years has shown a constant decrease.

Your attention is called especially to the fact that this society has appropriated more than a thousand dollars to our own conference school in the past four years, and has increased the amount from one hundred dollars in 1899 to practically one thousand dollars for the current year. You will also be glad to note that our school is shown in the last annual report of the Society to be the largest of its kind among white people in the South.

The work of this Society relates itself not only to the progress of the church in our land, but also to the very life of the Republic. It therefore deserves the deep interest of our pastors, and the earnest presentation of its work annually before the people of our churches.

The apportionment to the conference for the ensuing year is \$150.00; and your committee urges upon the pastors that they make a united and earnest effort to raise this amount.

C. M. LEVISTER,
Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee, beg leave to say that we rejoice in the progress that has been made by the "Anti-Saloon League" in securing prohibition in many places in our own State and in other parts of the country.

We recognize the saloon as the most potent evil, and strong drink as the worst enemy with which the church has to deal, and also as a mighty clog to the advancement of civilization. Therefore, be it,

Resolved, That as a church, we stand shoulder to shoulder with the Anti-Saloon League in trying to rid our country of the monster, and that we oppose the use of spiritous liquors in moderation as well as in excess.

Resolved, further, That it is the duty of all of our preachers to preach on the subject to each congregation at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted by your committee in the name of the Son of God.

D. D. BAILEY,
L. B. BRIDGERS.

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AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We the Auditing Committee, have examined the accounts of the Superintendent and find that he has received from the Missionary Society drafts to the amount of \$1,225.00 paid as follows:

U. S. White	\$ 50.00
T. S. Davis	150.00
D. D. Bailey	50.00
J. J. Lewis	75.00
J. H. Garriss	20.00
W. H. Luther	40.00
R. W. Woodell	25.00
U. S. Crowder	75.00
E. O. Eldridge	75.00
J. B. Bridgers	110.00
J. A. Hudson	20.00
J. F. Usrey	60.00
M. L. Chappell	75.00
District	400.00
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	\$1,225.00

THOS. S. DAVIS,
JAS. H. GARRIS.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Whereas, no organization is more helpful to our work in this field than the Board of Church Extension, it having expended in this Conference during its seven years' existence \$27,500.00 donations and loans of \$500.00.

The board asks us this year to raise \$200.00 and donate to our work \$1,000.00.

Resolved, That we as pastors will see to it that every effort will be put forth to raise every cent of the appro-

priation.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO QUESTION.

Whereas, the standards of life in Christian civilization are constantly being raised higher under the preaching of the Gospel, until no Christian minister would be tolerated who was known to be a tippler; likewise the Methodist Episcopal Church having anticipated the growing sentiment of the people along the lines of cleanliness in Christian purity and therefore absolutely requiring that all candidates for full connection in a Conference shall solemnly promise to wholly abstain from the use of tobacco, with the conditions so plainly implied that no right-minded person can doubt it, nor that the disuse shall be complete and forever.

Whereas, when we consider that Christians, especially ministers, are to be the best examples of purity, and exempt from popular vices, and in view of the fact that our people are asking for ministers in their homes who will influence boys toward a noble life, therefore be it,

Resolved, That we urge our brethren who may have tobacco habit to seek that grace which they preach to others, and which they know can save, and do this for the sake of the younger brethren and also for the sake of the boys in the homes, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and His cause, discontinue the use of tobacco.

Resolved, further, That we as a Conference will in the future refuse to admit on trial any person who has heretofore used tobacco until he has abstained from its use for at least twelve months prior to his application for admission.

J. B. BRIDGERS,

J. A. HUDSON,

M. L. CHAPPELL,

Committee.

MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Missions beg leave to report that our hearts are moved to a just pride when we consider the great Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the wonderful work which it is accomplishing.

Your attention is called to the fact that the Society last year raised one and a half millions of dollars, of which forty-five per cent. was spent in the home field, and fifty-five per cent. in the Foreign field. This, too, at a cost for handling of only two per cent.

We are glad also to report that we have laborers in every field in the wide world save two. Therefore be it resolved:

That we urge our ministry to insist that every church and Sabbath School be organized into a Missionary Society, and give our earnest support.

J. B. BRIDGERS,
J. H. GORRIS,
J. F. USREY.

PERIODICALS.

Nothing is more important in the building up of a strong and intelligent membership in our churches than a wide circulation of our church literature. Our church papers are educators coming weekly, to the homes of our people, informing them of our own and other Christian bodies. We therefore urge on our pastors a more active canvass from house to house in each charge, that if possible one of our denominational papers be put in every home.

T. S. DAVIS.

TRACT SOCIETY.

The Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church aids in the circulation of religious literature, particularly in the form of tracts and leaflets throughout the entire world.

It is circulating literature in at least twelve languages in foreign lands. Every year it gives away 11,000,000 pages of tracts in the United States alone, besides sending \$12,000 annually to our foreign missions for aid in the publication and circulation of religious literature. During the past year it has distributed tracts to the soldiers in nearly all our camps, to the prisons and public institutions throughout our land wherever application was made, and to thousands of pastors for circulation in their charges.

We recommend that the pastors in our Conference avail themselves more generally of the liberal offer of the Tract Society, which provides that every preacher who will make application can receive from the Society free, in the form of tracts, one half of the last collection of his charge for the Tract Society. If a larger grant is needed, and his church is not able to pay for the tracts, the Society will make generous donations of tracts for distribution.

We further recommend that our pastors send to the book concern for the catalogue of tracts, which will be sent free to all who apply, and that they examine the abundant store of tracts published under the auspices of our church. Tracts are exceedingly cheap, being sold at the uniform rate of 16 pages for one cent, so that \$1.00 will purchase 1,600 pages of tracts. We earnestly hope that our pastors will avail themselves of the opportunity furnished by the Tract Society for an increased circulation of these leaves from the Tree of Life.

Inasmuch as the Tract Society needs the sum of \$50,000 per annum in order to carry on its work throughout the church and the world, we urge that a collection be taken for this society in all our church during the coming year, that the usual offerings be more than doubled, and that our support, both morally and financially, be given this Society to spread a Christian literature throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted.

U. S. WHITE.
M. L. CHAPPELL.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We recognize in the Sunday School one of the most important factors in the religious and educational life, not only of our own age, but the ages to come, since the Sunday School teaches the Bible and brings the Gospel to vast multitudes during the period of childhood. The total Sunday School population in the United States is more than 13,150,000 of whom there are in the Methodist church over 32,390 Sunday Schools with 351,402 officers and teachers and more than 2,758,429 scholars.

Inasmuch as the education of the young in religion is of the highest importance, great care should be exercised in the selection of teachers. The pastors and superintendents should mutually aid in choosing for the instruction of our children men and women of earnest Christian character, with a knowledge of the Bible and aptness in teaching. We hope the time is not far distant when every teacher in our Sunday Schools shall be a professed follower of Jesus Christ, with a living experience.

We believe that the literature for the Sunday School supplied by the Methodist Episcopal Church, and published by our own Book Concern, is the best for the purpose that can be obtained. We urge that our pastors and presiding elders see that our literature is used in the Sunday School. We are confident that this will help to build up an earnest religious character, loyal to our church, among the young people who attend our Sunday Schools.

We recommend that whenever practicable the Home Department be established in connection with our Sunday Schools. This is a distinct branch of the Sunday School for the benefit of those who are unable to attend its sessions, but are willing to study the lesson at home. We suggest that pastors and officers send to the Book Concern for literature upon this subject and take steps for the establishment of this department, which links the home and the school

in the study of the word of God.

Respectfully submitted,

U. S. WHITE,

M. L. CHAPPELL,

Committee.

EDUCATION.

The word education is a mighty word. It stands for opportunity and power. Especially in this time of Christian education and never more so than in the present when a Godless culture would eliminate the Bible from our public schools and as Carlyle has said, "Sneeze the Almighty out of the Universe." Our church has always stood in the forefront of educational advancement. She was born in a university. Her founder was the best Greek scholar and linguist of his day. Spirituality to reach its highest effectiveness must be intelligent. Christianity cannot be buried in the mausoleum of three hundred years ago and adapt itself to this the greatest of all the centuries. Your committee note with pleasure the successful and efficient work that is being accomplished through our church Board of Education, and the high standard of excellence it inculcates. We would recommend that all our preachers endeavor to put a copy of the Christian student in every home on their charge and thereby furnish to our people for the small sum of twenty-five cents a year a stimulating correspondence of the work this organization is accomplishing.

Our Conference Seminary, The Graham Collegiate Institute, under the able management of its president, reinforced by the sympathy and help of our Presiding Elder has had a prosperous year and represents an efficient preparatory school of which our Conference may well be proud. It deserves the greatest help at the hands of our people.

Drew Theological Seminary, known throughout our land as one of the very best of our Theological institutions, is thoroughly equipped and rejoices in increased usefulness

and patronage.

In concluding our report we would call attention especially to the need of a greater appreciation of education in general on the part of our people, and that such information be furnished them as will tend to increased love, zeal and liberality for the cause of Christian culture and see to it that our Conference Seminary has our undivided support and that each pastor raise or give himself the sum of five dollars during the current Conference year for this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. CHAPPELL,

E. O. ELDRIDGE.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

Your committee on Bible Society ask permission to say it is our duty as preachers of the Gospel, to educate the people on the line of Bible work because what the Bible has done for us, it can do for others. It lives and gives life because it is itself the product of right living of the divine life in men. We who have profited most by the Scriptures are bound by duty, by gratitude and by self-interest to at least put them in reach of all our fellowmen. Therefore be it resolved:

That the American Bible Society has done and is doing a great and important work. It is our duty to urge upon the people the necessity of supporting this great institution and that each pastor take a collection to that end.

M. L. CHAPPELL,

U. S. WHITE.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Whereas, we have been very much delighted and edified by the faithful ministries of Dr. E. S. Dunham:

Resolved, That we thank him heartily for his clear exposition of the word and patient effort to clear the doctrine

of Entire Sanctification of the fog of crankiness.

W. Q. A. GRAHAM.

Whereas, Rev. John F. Dodd, D. D., Assistant Recording Secretary of the Missionary Society, has, from the beginning, shown such interest in our work, and;

Whereas, by his helpful counsel, kindliness of heart, and wide experience, been of great benefit to this Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as a Conference take this method of recording our high appreciation of him as an officer of the Missionary Society, Christian brother and servant of God, and be it further resolved:

That we extend to him a cordial invitation to visit us every year if he can so arrange it.

C. M. LEVISTER.

Whereas, Bishop Joyce has, by his wise counsel, loving sympathy and splendid ability, endeared himself to all our hearts, therefore be it resolved:

That we thank God for having sent him to preside over our Conference.

That we will pray that our Father's watch care may be over him wherever he may go, and further resolved,

That we earnestly urge the Board of Bishops to assign him to this field another year.

C. M. LEVISTER.

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MISSIONARY APPROPRIATION.

The General Missionary Committee at its session in November, 1902, gave to this Conference for its work the sum of \$1,400.00 which your committee has divided as follows:

District	\$ 400.00
Alliance	10.00
Avon	50.00
Bladen	50.00
Elizabeth City	170.00
Lawrenceville	60.00
Parmelee	40.00
Pates	40.00
Portsmouth	300.00
Rowlands	50.00
Whaleyville	50.00
Wildwood	60.00
Morehead City	60.00
Winfall	60.00

Total	\$1,400.00
C. M. LEVISTER,	W. Q. A. GRAHAM,
Secretary.	Chairman.

I approve the above Missions and appropriations.

ISAAC W. JOYCE, Bishop.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that on Sunday, October 25, 1903, in Elizabeth City, N. C., under an election by the Atlantic Mission Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I did ordain George F. Sever a Deacon in said church.

And the same day, in the same place and under an election by the above named Conference, and assisted by Elders, I did ordain Moodly L. Chappell an Elder in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Given under my hand this 26th day of October, 1903, in
Elizabeth City, N. C.

ISAAC W. JOYCE.

STATISTICS TABLE, NO. 1, ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE, 1903.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEM'SHIP.					S. SCHOOLS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Number of Probationers.	Number of Full Members.	Number of Local Preachers.	Number of Deaths.	Number of Children Baptized.	Number of Adults Baptized.	Number of Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Churches.	Probable Value.	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.
Avon.....	5	105	.....	3	13	2	1	1	11	1	1,500	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bladen.....	42	28	.....	.....	.....	7	1	4	3	1	200	441	.....	65	735	.....
Elizabeth City.....	8	74	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	1	3,570	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harkers Island.....	2	35	1	2	.....	.....	1	.....	50	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lawrenceville, Va.....	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	1	1	4	30	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk, Va.....	.....	149	3	4	.....	20	1	.....	125	1	1,000	1	800	.....	.....	.....
Marshburg.....	5	140	1	.....	5	3	2	18	90	1	1,000	.....	.....	12	200	.....
Morehead City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk, Va.....	3	135	.....	.....	.....	1	1	12	113	.....	1,200	1	500	10	.....	.....
Ocracoke.....	8	128	1	.....	3	1	1	5	50	2	1,000	.....	.....	.....	17	.....
Parrale.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	80	1	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pates.....	37	58	1	.....	7	.....	2	7	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Portsmouth, Va.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tarboro.....	11	78	.....	1	3	.....	1	5	30	2	800	150	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rowlands.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wallaceton.....	.....	87	2	2	.....	5	1	25	30	3	1,600	.....	.....	50	20	.....
Whaleyville, Va.....	5	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wildwood.....	4	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W'nfal.....	3	157	2	2	8	11	3	15	75	5	2,500	.....	.....	25	60	.....
Totals.....	133	1,306	10	16	34	50	20	122	851	25	16,120	2	1,300	711	137	972
Last year.....	65	1,264	12	9	21	22	18	135	1,063	23	17,285	2	300	1,568	484	1,095

STATISTICS TABLE NO. 3, ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE, 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTORS SUPPORT.						Support of Support of				Conference Claimants Received.		Current Expenses	
		Claims		Receipts.				Pres. Elders		Bishops		Collections.	Other Sources.	Church Lights, Fuel, Etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves
		Salary.	House Rent	Total.	Salary.	Donations	Supplies	House Rent	Total	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid	Total Support of Pastors and Bishops			
Avon.....	U. S. White	300	84	384	106	50	10	10	166	9	20	175	1	31	13
Elizabeth City.....	T. S. Davis	300		384	300	5	10	84	389	20	2	421	1		
Harkers Island.....	G. F. Sever				41				41			41			
Lawrenceville.....	D. D. Baily				24	65	50		139	5	5	144		25	20
Marshallberg.....	Leolan Jackson	200	60	260	200		25	60	285	20	17	302		2	12
Morehead City.....	J. J. Lewis	300	40	340	300		75	40	415	12	6	421			
Norfolk.....	J. M. Norton														
Ocracoke.....	J. H. Garriss	200	24	224	146	20	50	24	248	17		265		15	12
Parmele.....	W. H. Luther	250	50	300	185	10	18	50	255	30	1	273	1	25	3
Pates.....	R. W. Woodel (supply)				19				19	3		20			
Portsmouth.....	E. O. Eldridge				13				13	10	2	15		72	
Tarboro.....	C. F. Hunter														
Rowland.....	L. B. Bridgers	75		75	80				80	20	20	100			
Wallaceton.....	E. J. Midgett														
Whaleville.....	J. A. Hudson	100		100	40				40	18	20	60			
Wildwood.....	J. F. Usrey				97				120			120			
Winfall.....	W. L. Chappel	200	30	230	190	165	80	30	400	20	17	419	1		15
Bladen.....	J. B. Bridgers				624				624			624			
Totals.....		1,625	288	1,913	2,365	315	276	288	3,244	158	151	8,400	2	170	25
Last year.....		2,077	270	2,347	1,786			270	2,056	142	177	9,241	10	95	105

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TREASURER'S REPORT, ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE, 1903.																		
NAME OF CHARGE.											Recapitulation.							
	Missionary Society.		Church Extension.		Sunday School Union.		Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational So- ciety.		(a) Public Edu- cational Collection.		(b) Children's Fund		Conference Claimants.		Episcopal Fund.			
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Total	Total Cash and Vouchers.	
Avon.....	11		5		2								1			19	19	
Elizabeth City.....	30		15						1				1		2	34	15	49
Harkers Island.....													1			1	1	
Lawrenceville.....	4		3										1			8	8	
Marshallberg.....	25		5													30	30	
Morehead City.....	12		6		1								1			21	21	
Norfolk.....																		
Ocracoke.....	11	2											1			12	2	14
Parnele.....	10		10										1			23	23	
Pates.....	5		2												1	7	7	
Portsmouth.....	7												1			8	8	
Tarboro.....																		
Rowland.....	9		8										2			19	19	
Wallaceton.....																		
Whaleyville.....	12												1			13	13	
Wildwood.....	3		1										1			5	5	
Winfall.....	10		10												2	23	23	
District.....													2			2	2	
Total	149	2	50	15	3		1	1	1		16		6		226	17	243	

